

Commerce And Industry. Samuel G Smith Hillsboro. W. Va. Pocahontas Co.

In 1908 and 09 The Deer Creek Lumber Co. was operating on Stamping Creek near where the Stamping Creek stands today they were operating the timber from the William H Wade farm and at present owned by OM Hook ~~XXX~~ this was a circular mill and they had a tram road from the mill to the timber some 2 miles or more, they used an incline, a drum, and a wire cable, driven by an engine. This brought the log trucks back from the mill to the woods, often the log trucks were high in the air on a trestle but the cable would let them go down the grade in a safe way. The main mill of this company was operating at Deer Creek.

William Eisenhuth was the foreman on Stamping Creek and his wife run the boarding house. At the first of this operation they used horses to bring the empty log trucks back to the woods.

Willis Hill, Poe Weiford, Remus Rogers and CM Gladwell and B.C Hayes were teamsters, Jack and Gordon of Greenbrier cut the timber and Charlie Harouff worked by the day as a laborer.

Inf. B.C Hayes Millpoint. W. Va.

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Shoe Last Factory -

In 1923 a shoe last factory was put in at Spice Run, a man by the name of Frank Knox of Wisconsin was general manager, this operation took place on the East side of the Greenbrier River.

They used hard Maple for the last's this lumber they bought from the Spice Run Lumber Company, the last's or blocks that they were to be made from were cut and put in a Dry Kila after this drying process they were ready to be shipped to New York, however they failed to ship many as the plant burned down but they rebuilt it but failed to operate again this was in 1924.

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John Raine And Company.

In 1907 John Raine of Ironton Ohio came to Pocahontas County, West Va. in the quest of timber locating and buying some 1250 acres of timber for approximately \$20,000.00 he took in as partners B.E Carrier and L.G Swing and doing business as John Raine and Co.

They set the mill about the center of the tract of timber on the head of Stamping Creek close to the foot of Cranberry Mountain. On the Millpoint to Richwood Road.

Their boundary started not far above the Stamping Creek church followed the bridge or backbone of Little Mountain to a point on Viney Mt, from there to the head of the hollow that leads to Cranberry River and Cranberry Glades around the Mountain toward the High Rocks taking in the Blue Lick and the Chestnut Ridge to the creek.

They put in a six foot or pony band mill run at a short time and it burned down they then set in a steam feed circular mill. They built a store, boarding house and about 20 dwelling houses and called the place Raine Town this section is still known as Raine town although the houses are all gone but two or three.

The timber cut was mostly all hard wood, namely cherry, red and white oak, ash and chestnut.

Raine had a locomotive, and a loader, railroads tracts were built up the hollows to shorten the haul in skidding which was quite steep in places 4 teams or 8 horses were used in the skidding.

Two men were killed during their operation Emmett Nottingham of Millpoint was killed cutting timber by a falling tree.

Ben Ransey of Caesar's Mt. was killed on the log train he was brake-